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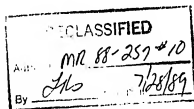
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MY GUESS IS THAT CHIEF PURPOSE MIKOYAN'S TRIP WILL BE TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF INCREASING TRADE RELATIONS WITH U. S. AND COROLLARY PURPOSE TO TAKE OUR TEMPERATURE ON BERLIN QUESTION. SIGNIFICANT THAT HE PLANS TRIP BEFORE PARTY CONGRESS. SUGGEST WOULD BE ADVISABLE INFORM AT LEAST BRITISH AND FRENCH PROMPTLY IN ORDER ALLAY ANY SUSPICIONS THEY MAY HAVE. IF THIS DONE WOULD APPRECIATE AUTHORIZATION INFORM MY FRENCH AND BRITISH COLLEAGUES HERE. SUGGEST MIGHT BE USEFUL REFER TO INVITATION CONTAINED PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO KHRUSHCHEV OF FEBRUARY 15 THAT INFLUENTIAL SOVIETS VISIT U. S.

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